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The Honorable Steve Hobbs
Elections Division
ATTN: Initiative and Referendum
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Re: Initiative No. 1480

Dear Secretary Hobbs:

Pursuant to RCW 29A.72.060, we supply herewith the ballot title and ballot measure summary for Initiative No. 1480 to the Legislature (an act relating to state of emergency proclamations and emergency rule making).

BALLOT TITLE

Statement of Subject: Initiative Measure No. 1480 concerns governmental emergency powers.

Concise Description: This measure would modify limitations on the Governor's emergency proclamations, related orders, and agency emergency rules; reclassify the crime of violating emergency orders to a misdemeanor; and modify judicial review of proclamations.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes [] No []

BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY

This measure would modify limitations on governor emergency proclamations, allowing them to cover only one county and only facts/circumstances not in existing law; limit such proclamations, related orders, and agency emergency rules to 30 days unless legislatively-extended; allow for legislative modification after 30 days; require judicial review to occur in the county subject to the proclamation and receive first priority; and reclassify the crime of violating emergency orders from a gross misdemeanor to a misdemeanor.

Sincerely,

s/ Alicia O. Young
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